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To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: WINDOWS 95 SOFTWARE

1. The United Nations Secretariat has become increasingly dependent on the availability of electronic mail and other local area network services, which depend on a standardized operating environment.

2. Currently, the standard mini-computer and PC operating systems in use at Headquarters are UNIX and DOS, including its graphical user interface, Microsoft Windows 3.1.

3. A new version of the Windows software (Windows 95) was released on 24 August 1995. However, because Windows 95 can, if used improperly, severely affect overall network performance, its use will not be sanctioned until it has been thoroughly researched and tested by the Electronic Services Division, which is responsible for the maintenance and proper functioning of the network.

4. At this time, unless expressly authorized by the Electronic Services Division, connection to the Headquarters network of computers running Windows 95 or any other non-standard operating system or environment is strictly prohibited. PCs found to be running such software will be disconnected immediately from the network.

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